AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 24 through line 25 as follows:

Fig. 4B represents data structure of contents data 2A. Referring to Fig. 4B, contents data 2A includes a header and key frame 1-data~ key frame 2.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 5 through line 9 as follows:

Contents synthesizing apparatus 100 receives inputs of contents data 1B and 2B, and whether contents data 1B or 2B includes a synthesizing script or not is determined. As contents data 1A-1B includes the synthesizing script, the animation data included in contents data 1B is synthesized with animation data included in contents data 2B based on the synthesizing script, and contents data 3B, which will be described later, is stored.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 9 through line 11 as follows:

Key frames 1 to 3 are similar to the object data included in key frames 2 to 4 of contents data 1B described with reference to Fig. 7A, and therefore, description thereof will not be repeated.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 12 through line 15 as follows:

Here, the number of object data W included in the animation data of contents data 2FB is 01, the number of key frames X is 03, the number of image data Y is 0 and the number of music data Z is 0, and therefore, the attribute of animation data included in contents data 2FAB is "010300".

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 26 through Page 42, line 2 as follows:

Figs. 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, and 22F illustrate animation displayed when the contents data synthesized in accordance with the first example of synthesis of the third embodiment are reproduced. Figs. 22A to 22C represent display images corresponding to respective key frames reproduced successively, when the contents data resulting from synthesis of contents data 1I and 2I in the morning are reproduced. Figs. 22A to 22C are the same as Figs. 18D to 18FC, respectively, and therefore, description thereof will not be repeated.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 27 through Page 44, line 9 as follows:

Fig. 24 is a flowchart representing a flow of a data synthesizing process executed by the contents synthesizing apparatus 100C in accordance with the fourth embodiment. The data synthesizing process is the process executed in step S13 of contents synthesizing process described with reference to Fig. 3. Referring to Fig. 24, first, in step S51, whether the synthesizing script includes a position-dependent script or not is determined. When the synthesizing script includes a position-dependent script (Yes in step S51), position obtaining portion 115 obtains the current position in step S52, and in step S53, synthesis processing portion

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112C executes a synthesizing process of synthesizing contents data 10 input in step S11 with contents data 20 input in step S11, based on the script dependent on the current position obtained in step S53-S52, and then the flow returns to the contents synthesizing process.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 26 through Page 48, line 9 as follows:

Fig. 26 is a flowchart representing a flow of a data synthesizing process executed by the contents synthesizing apparatus in accordance with the fifth embodiment. The data synthesizing process is the process executed in step S23 of the data synthesizing process described with reference to Fig. 15. Referring to Fig. 45-26, first, in step S51, by the synthesis processing portion, the synthesizing process is performed based on the synthesizing script. In step S52, the synthesis processing portion determines whether or not the synthesizing script includes any script indicating that a new synthesizing script should be included. If the synthesizing script includes a script indicating that a new synthesizing script should be included (Yes in step S52), in step S53, the synthesis processing portion adds the new synthesizing script included in the synthesizing script to the contents data synthesized in step S51, and the flow returns to the data synthesizing process described with reference to Fig. 15.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 27 through Page 49, line 6 as follows:

The first control contents, "addition of key frame" has already been described with reference to Fig. 10A, and therefore, description thereof will not be repeated. The first parameter "after key frame 1" indicates that the target position of the synthesizing process represented by

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the control contents is after the key frame of animation data included in contents data 1D including the synthesizing script.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 14 through line 17 as follows:

Further, the synthesizing script included in contents data 1G-3D controls the synthesizing process of deleting a prescribed portion included in contents data 1G-3D. As a result, the synthesizing process of deleting a prescribed portion of contents data 1G-3D can be controlled from the side of contents data 1G-3D.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 19 through line 20 as follows:

Here, a first an example of synthesis will be described, in which encrypted animation data is decoded by the contents synthesizing apparatus.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 20 through line 24 as follows:

Fig. 30 shows data structure of the contents data 3G after synthesis, in the second example of synthesis in accordance with the fifth embodiment. Contents data 3G obtained by the synthesis of contents data 1G and 2G by contents synthesizing apparatus 100A shown in Fig. 30 is the same as contents data 2D described with reference to Fig. 27B, and therefore, description thereof will not be repeated.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 11 through line 12 as follows:

Here, a second an example of synthesis will be described, in which encrypted animation data is decoded by the contents synthesizing apparatus.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 13 through line 19 as follows:

Figs. 31A and 31B show data structures of the contents data before synthesis, in the third example of synthesis in accordance with the fifth embodiment. Referring to Fig. 31A, contents data 1H has the synthesizing script included in contents data 3D described with reference to Fig. 28 changed. Specifically, it results from synthesis with contents data 2D described with reference to Fig. 27B, with another synthesizing script included in the synthesizing script of contents data 1D described with reference to Fig. 27A changed.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 3 through line 5 as follows:

Key frames 2 to 4 are the same as key frames 1 to 3 of contents data 1D-2D described with reference to Fig. 27, and therefore, description thereof will not be repeated.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 10 through line 14 as follows:

When the synthesizing script of contents data 1D described with reference to Fig. 27<u>A</u> includes location information of the synthesizing script to be included in newly synthesized contents data, synthesis processing portion 112D may have the synthesizing script obtained by synthesizing script obtaining portion 116 included in the newly synthesized contents data, based on the location information.